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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt of the Amendment filed March 19, 2004 under Paper No. 14 is acknowledged. Claims 1-338 are pending in the application and are presented to be examined based upon their merits.

Response to Applicant's Amendment

The amendment filed on March 19, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

the Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (b) because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the added new claim(s) 143-150 are patentable over the applied references. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S Felten whose telephone number is (703) 305-0724. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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